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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF AIRLINES' SCHEDULES

1. BRANIFF AIRLINES HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT COLOMBIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING HOLDING HEARINGS WITH REGARD TO APPROVAL OF BRANIFF SCHEDULES PROPOSED FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON JUNE 1. HEARINGS, IF HELD, WOULD PRESUMABLY DELAY ADOPTION OF SCHEDULES UNTIL AFTER JUNE 1. ANY UNDUE DELAY IN AUTHORIZING SCHEDULES REQUESTED BY BRANIFF COULD BE INTERPRETED AS UNILATERAL COLOMBIAN RESTRICTION OF US AIRLINE ACTIVITIES AND CONTRARY TO THE US-COLOMBIAN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.

2. BRANIFF HAS ALSO INFORMED US THAT ITS RESIDENT MANAGER IN BOGOTA HAS BEEN DISCUSSING ISSUE WITH RENE VON MEREBACK, WHO IS MEMBER OF THE COLOMBIAN CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL. VON MEREBACK REPORTEDLY SUPPORTS BRANIFF'S SCHEDULES AND IS ADVISING COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES AGAINST HOLDING HEARINGS.

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3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH BRANIFF MANAGER
AND TO OFFER ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY MAY MAKE

INFORMAL REPRESENTATIONS TO RESPONSIBLE COLOMBIAN
OFFICIALS ON BEHALF BRANIFF AND POINT OUT POSSIBILITY
THAT BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT COULD BE BREACHED IF SCHEDULE
APPROVAL IS DELAYED UNDULY. INGERSOLL

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